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June Hogs and Pigs

Michigan's total hog and pig inventory on June 1 was estimated at 1.25 million head, up 50,000 head from a year ago, according to Marlo Johnson, Regional Director of the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Region. Breeding hog inventory, at 120,000 head, remained unchanged from last June. Market hog inventory, at 1.13 million head, was up 5 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the March to May quarter was 11.00, up 0.1 from the same period last year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2019 was 75.5 million head. This was up 4 percent from June 1, 2018, and up 1 percent from March 1, 2019. This is the highest June 1 inventory of all hogs and pigs since estimates began in 1964.

Breeding inventory, at 6.41 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 69.1 million head, was up 4 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from last quarter. This is the highest June 1 market hog inventory since estimates began in 1964.

The March-May 2019 pig crop, at 34.2 million head, was up 4 percent from 2018. This is the largest March-May pig crop since estimates began in 1970. Sows farrowed during this period totaled 3.11 million head, up slightly from 2018.

The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 11.00 for the March-May period, compared to 10.63 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 3.18 million sows farrow during the June-August 2019 quarter, down slightly from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2018, but up 3 percent from 2017. Intended farrowings for September-November 2019, at 3.17 million sows, are up slightly from 2018, and up 2 percent from 2017.

Hog Inventory and Farrowings – Michigan and United States: June 1, 2018 and 2019

Hogs and pigs	Michigan			United States		
	2018	2019	Change	2018	2019	Change
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>percent</i>
Breeding	120	120	0	6,320	6,410	1
Market	1,080	1,130	5	66,546	69,111	4
Under 50 pounds	310	320	3	21,327	22,019	3
50-119 pounds	290	320	10	19,083	19,606	3
120-179 pounds	220	230	5	13,988	14,427	3
180+ pounds	260	260	0	12,147	13,059	8
Total	1,200	1,250	4	72,866	75,520	4
Sows farrowed, Mar-May	53	54	2	3,100	3,108	0
Pigs per litter, Mar-May	10.90	11.00	1	10.63	11.00	3
Pig crop, Mar-May	578	594	3	32,942	34,177	4
Sows farrowing, Jun-Aug ¹	57	56	-2	3,200	3,185	0
Sows farrowing, Sep-Nov ¹	54	51	-6	3,174	3,175	0

¹ Intentions for 2019.